

2012  
TOWN OF DALTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
NESSACUS MIDDLE SCHOOL – OCTOBER 29, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator, Ronald J. Marcella, Sr., called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Due to the impending hurricane of the century and warnings of public local, state and national officials, it was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the Meeting until November 13, 2012 at the same time and place. In addition to the Moderator and Town Clerk Barbara L. Suriner, Select Board Members William E. Chabot, Louisa M. Horth, Mary R. Cherry, Stuart T. Sargent, Jr. and Chairman John F. Boyle along with Officer Richard Nicholas were present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Barbara L. Suriner, TOWN CLERK

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ADJOURNED SESSION OF OCTOBER 29, 2012**  
**NESSACUS MIDDLE SCHOOL – NOVEMBER 13, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Moderator, Ronald J. Marcella, Sr., called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Elizabeth A. Erb, Deborah Deane Smith, Maureen M. Mitchell and Michelle PH White were appointed tellers and sworn by Town Clerk, Barbara L. Suriner. There was a total of Registered Voters checked at the door as follows:

PRECINCT 1    -    83  
PRECINCT 2    -    66  
149

(This Article, which amends a portion of the Zoning Bylaw, was initiated by the landowner.)

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded that the Town amend a portion of the Town of Dalton Zoning Map, as set forth in the Code of the Town of Dalton Chapter 350 Attachment 5, dated July 1, 2010, in the following manner: Re-zone the entire area of 475 West Housatonic Street, as shown on the Assessor's Map 113, Lot 99 consisting of approximately .553 Acres from R-3 Residential to I-1 Industrial.

**TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED**

DEFEATED.                      DECLARED TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

**ARTICLE 2.** The following Article was submitted via a Citizens Petition signed by one hundred eleven registered voters.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town amend a portion of the "Zoning Map, Town of Dalton, Massachusetts" as amended and described in the "Code of the Town of Dalton, Massachusetts", Chapter 350 Zoning, in the following manner: "Re-zone Lot 23 as shown on the Assessor's Map 114 consisting of approximately 1.5 Acres located at 450 West Housatonic Street from I-2, Industrial to B-1 Business.

**TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED**

CARRIED.                      YES – 89                      NO – 24

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, land parcels, or rights in land, adjacent, within or along East and West Housatonic Street, so called, for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Dalton, and the utilities within said way; and further to raise and appropriate, \$75,000 to defray any associated right of way expenses, including engineering expenses, related to the Housatonic Street reconstruction project.

**TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED**

CARRIED.                      DECLARED TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize the appropriation of \$25,000.00 received from insurance proceeds for a loss at the former Nessacus Regional Middle School for the purpose of properly securing the building until permanent disposition of the structure.

CARRIED.                      DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 5. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$8,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of improving, extending and repairing the Town Hall sidewalks.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town take no action under this Article.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town take no action under this Article.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town take no action under this Article.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 9. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$17,455.00 to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dalton Patrol Officers Union, MCOP, Local 906, for fiscal year 2013.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 10. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate, \$355.00 to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dalton Highway/Cemetery Association, for fiscal year 2013.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 11. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$1.00 to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dalton Dispatchers Association, for fiscal year 2013.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 12. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town take no action under this Article.

CARRIED.                      DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 13. It was moved, seconded and voted that the question be divided into two parts as follows:  
A. Schedule of Compensation for Elected Officials and B. Town Operating Budget.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

A. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town amend the vote taken at the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting under Article 3, Schedule of Compensation for Elected Officials, to increase salaries as follows: Moderator \$7, Select Board Chairman \$84, Other Members \$65 each and Town Clerk \$5,444 provided that all fees, fines, charges and costs derived from Dog Licensing be paid into the Town's General Fund.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

B. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town amend the vote taken at the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting under Article 5, Town Operating Budget, to increase or reduce the salary and expense amounts appropriated thereunder as follows: Salaries: Account 114, Moderator - \$7; Account 122, Select Board - \$344; Account 123, Town Manager & Assistant - \$3,131; Account 135, Town Accountant - \$832; Account 145, Town Treasurer - \$1398; Account 146, Town Collector - \$1396; Account 154, Recording Secretary - \$85; Account 161, Town Clerk - \$6,005; Account 162, Elections - \$179; Account 163, Registrars - \$122; Account 192, Building Maintenance - \$875; Account 196, Town Hall Maintenance - \$30;

Account 210, Police - minus( \$6,348); Account 240, Building Inspections - \$781; Account 244, Sealer of Weights - \$25; Account 247, Animal Inspector - \$31; Account 292, Animal Control - \$386; Account 294, Forest Warden - \$49; Account 295, Emergency Management - \$28; Account 296, Tree Warden- \$40; Account 420, Highway Dept.- \$1,598; Account 433, Landfill Monitoring - \$37; Account 440, Sewer Maintenance - \$281; Account 449, Sewer Treatment - \$18; Account 510, Board of Health - \$538; Account 522, Public Health Nurse - \$116; Account 541, Council on Aging - \$8,871; Account 543, Veterans Services - \$130; Account 610, Library - \$2,400. Expenses: Account 175, Planning & Appeals - \$800; Account 543, Veteran's Services - \$22,000; Account 914, Group Health Insurance - \$21,000; Account 916, Medical Tax - \$649; and further, that the Town vote to reduce expenses appropriated thereunder as follows: Account 320, Vocational Education - \$120,000.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 14. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Section 134 of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 164, to initiate a process to aggregate the electrical load of interested electricity consumers within its boundaries, in cooperation with other cities, towns and political subdivisions in Berkshire County, and in consultation with the Massachusetts Departments of Energy Resources, for the group purchasing of electricity for said interested electricity consumer.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 15. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Meeting be dissolved.

CARRIED.                      UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Barbara L. Suriner, TOWN CLERK

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